
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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# TEXT: *Joshua 1:5-9 KJV*

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: ***as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee***: ***I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee***. (6) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people ***shalt thou*** divide for an inheritance the land, which ***I sware unto their fathers to give them***. (7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest ***observe to do according to all the law***, which Moses my servant commanded thee: ***turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper*** whithersoever thou goest. (8) ***This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success***. (9) ***Have not I commanded thee?*** Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: ***for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.***

# INTRO: *The Promise Of His Presence*

THE *PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE* (5, 9)

THE COMMAND TO *BE STRONG* AND *COURAGEOUS* (6, 7, 9)

…Because God has promised His Presence

THE *PROMISE OF SUCCESS* (6) ***Shalt thou*** divide for an inheritance

THE *PROVISION FOR SUCCESS* (7, 8) ***Live According To God's Word***

REPEATS - *THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE* (9)

# I. *On Mission From God*

**Joshua and the Children of Israel have been sent on a purposeful mission from God. They will encounter great resistance from the enemy and moments of discouragement. BUT, if they trust fully in the LORD He has promised great blessings and victorious outcome.**

**ILLUS:** When in college – weekend revivals – on a mission from God – all week long with great expectation we prepared… we prayed… we studied… we prayed some more… and experienced the Presence of God!

## II. *Don't Leave Home Without It!*

**If your presence does not go with us**

***Exodus 33:9-18 KJV***

And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. (10) And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. (11) And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: ***but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle***. (12) And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. (13) Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. (14) And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. (15) ***And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.*** (16) ***For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.*** (17) And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. (18) And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

***Joshua and the Children of Israel were on a mission from God – How about You?***

# III. His Presence With Us Today!

## The Promise of His Presence

**John 14:15-18 KJV** **I will not leave your comfortless**

If ye love me, keep my commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (18) ***I will not leave you comfortless***: I will come to you.

**Romans 8:9-11 KJV**

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, ***if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you***. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ be ***in you***, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead ***dwell in you***, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that ***dwelleth in you***.

**John 14:23-26 KJV** **My Father and I will make our home in you**

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and ***we will come unto him, and make our abode with him***. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. (25) These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. (26) ***But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you***.

## The Command to Be Strong and Courageous

…Because God has promised His Presence

**1 Corinthians 16:13 KJV**

(13) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, ***be strong***.

**Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV**

Finally, my brethren, ***be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might***. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ***ye may be able to withstand in the evil day***, and having done all, to stand.

***2 Timothy 2:1-3 KJV***

Thou therefore, my son, ***be strong*** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (3) ***Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ***.

## The Promise of Success
## The Provision for Success

***Luke 10:17-19 KJV***

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (18) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (19) Behold, ***I give unto you power*** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and ***over all the power of the enemy***: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

## Repeats - The Promise of His Presence

***Matthew 28:18-20 KJV***

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ***All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth***. (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to ***observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you***: and, lo, ***I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

History has proven that God was true to His Word – That He kept every promise which He made to Joshua and the Children of Israel – ***GOD HAS A PERFECT RECORD KEEPING PROMISES!***